

Thurs, Nov. 9 - '67.

*Capsule report from Cape Kennedy; it's up --  
it's down -- it's wonderful; and once again - the U S  
Man-on-the-moon program is back on the track.*

*This the momentous achievement - of America's  
first Saturn-five Lunar launcher - as you must have  
heard by now. The world's mightiest rocket - a two-in-  
one triumph on its maiden flight, ~~Hurling~~ Hurling an Apollo  
Moon-ship deep into space - preparatory to a perfect  
pinpoint landing in mid-Pacific.*

*Testing the Saturn-Five in its entirety -- instead  
of stage by stage - a gamble that paid off in spades.  
Proving beyond a doubt - that the giant rocket can propel  
men to the moon - can do it - ~~and~~ better still - with  
sufficient power to ensure they'll be able to make it  
back again. Giving the U S space effort a solid new lead  
over Russia - in the race to the Moon. Raising anew  
the U S goal - of a manned Lunar landing by Nineteen  
Seventy.*

*Apollo program director General Samuel Phillips - putting it mildly - when he observed: "Yesterday, I would have said we had a reasonably good chance - to land men on the Moon this decade. Today, I think that reasonable chance - is maybe a notch above reasonably good."*

*As Chairman of the National Aeronautics and Space Council -- Vice President Hubert Humphrey putting it even plainer. Said he: "This is a proud day - a terrific success."*

## SENATE

*The juiciest plum ever in the history of social security -- formally cleared today by the Senate Finance Committee. As presently written - the bill would give old age recipients a fifteen percent increase in benefits; it would also raise the monthly minimum - from Forty-Four to Seventy bucks a month - starting in April; while reducing the minimum retirement age to sixty - <sup>though</sup> ~~the age~~ with smaller benefits. All this to be financed by a new schedule of payroll taxes ~~that~~ that would nearly double the present rate by Nineteen Seventy Two.*

*The full Senate expected to take up the bill next week - but it still has a long way to go. The House having already approved a less generous bill - which means that final terms will have to be reconciled by a ~~tax~~ joint House-Senate conference committee.*

VIETNAM

War news from Saigon - topped today by a glowing prediction from newly-inaugurated South Vietnamese President Thieu. The battle for Vietnam is approaching "a decisive phase - a turning point" -- said Thieu; with the "Communists concentrating all their efforts - to bring the war to a successful conclusion in Nineteen Sixty-Eight." Knowing -- said he - that "this is their last chance."

"But they will fail,"<sup>1)</sup> Thieu continued. "I also believe" -- he went on - "that they may accept defeat by gradually ~~■~~ fading out" rather than settle - by direct negotiations.

For the moment though - no let-up on the battlefield. As evidenced by latest reports from the Central Highlands -- near Dak, ~~Where~~ Alpha Company of the U S Fourth Infantry -- was locked in a running battle with the Viet Cong for six straight days.

Alpha ~~OODA~~ company finally disengaging itself

*today - fighting its way back to Dak. Leaving behind  
a jungle ridge covered with more than a hundred enemy  
dead - but at a cost of more than half the U S complement.  
With enemy infiltrators still in control of the battlefield  
-- still trying to cut the country in half.*

## NEW YORK

*Coming soon - a new and vastly improved U S jet fighter. The good word today in New York - from Air Force Vice Chief of Staff General Bruce Holloway, who said it's still "too early" - to tell exactly "what the plane will be like", asserting, however, that it will be an "air superiority" fighter -- assuring U S control of the skies in any future brush war.*

*As such - the plane will be designed specifically for air-to-air combat -- said General Holloway. Adding that it must and will have performance -- "as good as anything a potential enemy is likely to produce."*

*The recognized need for a new U S jet fighter - apparently the result of recent air battles over North Vietnam, where faster Migs in the hands of competent pilots - have lately taken a heavy toll of U S aircraft.*

## WHITE HOUSE

*Veterans Day - Sixty-Seven - deserving of a special presidential tribute - it was decided today. The announcement -- from the White House, disclosing that President Johnson will observe Veterans Day tomorrow and Saturday - with a coast-to-coast jet tour of installations manned by each military service.*

*First stop - Fort Benning, Georgia - famed Army training center. Next - the El Toro Marine Air Station in California -- where L B J will help the Marine Corps celebrate its one hundred and ninety-second birthday. The President later planning to spend the night at sea - aboard the nuclear powered aircraft carrier, Enterprise.*

*Saturday - it's a visit first to the McConnell Air Force base - near Wichita, Kansas; followed, finally, by a presidential tour of the Coast Guard Base - at Yorktown, Virginia.*

FORMOSA

From Communist China by way of Formosa - a report today that Red Chinese scientists - are just about ready to launch their first nuclear-armed guided missile. ~~This according to Nationalist Chinese Intelligence sources - who say the test could come "at any time" now. With blast-off supposedly scheduled somewhere in Western China - ~~and~~ landing set, hopefully, for somewhere in the Indian ocean.~~

U S experts had originally predicted just such a test - perhaps around the end of the year. - ~~or early in January.~~ The Nationalist Chinese <sup>say Peking hopes</sup> ~~now contending, however,~~ ~~that Peking has advanced its time table - perhaps as much as two months. Purpose - we are told - to time the test for maximum propaganda value; <sup>want the launching to</sup> ~~so that it~~ coincides with U N debate ~~scheduled~~ to start shortly - on the perennial question of admitting Red China.~~



## AGRICULTURE

The year Sixty-Seven in U S agriculture - biggest crop year in all history. So says the Agriculture Department -- today estimating corn production this season at a record four-point-seven billion bushels; also, reporting a record harvest - in grain sorghums, wheat and soybeans.

An added point of interest: For the second time in three years -- Illinois topping Iowa as the corn center of America; this time around - by an estimated margin of more than one hundred million bushels.

*Think of that*  
~~And that~~ ~~isn't it~~  
~~isn't it~~ Are you interested in corn, Allan?  
~~How's that for a corn item,~~ Allan?

## BOTAFOGO

*A final item - from the jungles of Brazil. Where the police of Botafogo District - have just come ~~poor~~ up with a new lie detector test.*

*The way it works - a prisoner is thrust into a huge pen; containing, besides himself, a hungry Jaguar - held only by a long, loose chain. Then he's asked - guilty or not. ?*

*It appears, however, that Botafogo ~~pk~~ police - may be forced soon to suspend their Jaguar test. Too brutal -- according to higher authority. To which at least one policeman replies -- too bad.*

*The Jaguar test so good - said he - that "some guys not only confessed their crimes past and present - but also future."*